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PTA REFLECTIONS CONTEST WINNERS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education recognized the students who participated in the PTA Reflections Program. This is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program established by the National PTA designed to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Students in grades K to 12 can reflect on a common theme and create original works of art.

The theme for 2016-2017 was "What Is Your Story?" whereby students submitted their interpretation of the theme in six artistic areas including: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts.

The following ten students received a Certificate of Participation from the Union County PTA for their creative entries:

Isobel Bruce, 4th grade student at Brunner School received recognition for her literary submission entitled, "My Story". Aditi Gokhale, 2nd grade student at Coles School received recognition for her literary submission entitled, "A Night at the Hotel". Taylor Murray, 2nd grade student at Coles School received recognition for her music composition entitled, "My Lifetime Story". Emma Telepis, a 3rd grade student at Coles School received recognition for her photographic entry entitled, "My Favorite Place". Luca DiMeglio, a 3rd grade student at Coles School received recognition for his photographic entry entitled, "My First Day". Ava Khan, a 4th grade student at Coles School received recognition for her visual arts entry entitled, "A Bridge Between 2 Worlds". Mitav Mehta, a 2nd grade student at McGinn School received recognition for his visual arts entry entitled, "Feet in Two Worlds". Kevin Wright, a 3rd grade student at School One received recognition for his visual arts entry entitled, "The Voices Inside My Head". Emily Colasanti, a 5th grade student at Terrill Middle School received county recognition for her literary entry entitled, "Who am I...".

Kayla Fiore, a 5th grade student at Terrill Middle School received county recognition for her music entry entitled, "Changes".



(above) Reflections Elementary Level.



(above) Reflections Middle School Level.

In addition to the ten students being recognized by the county, the following three students creative entries have received recognition from the State PTA:

Briana McGowan, an 11th grade student at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School received an "Honorable Mention Award" for her literary entry entitled, "I am OK".

Ellie Agnello, a 4th grade student at Coles School received an "Award of Merit" for her film production entitled, "This is my Story".

Ryan Agnello, an 8th grade student at Terrill Middle Scholl continues to be recognized by the State of New Jersey PTA with an "Award of Excellence" for his film production entitled, "Why I'm Always Late".

This is the fifth year that one of Ryan's film productions is being recognized by Union County and the State of New Jersey PTA. Ryan's entry will now be judged at the national level.

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FANWOOD BREAKS GROUND ON FINAL PIECE OF DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT

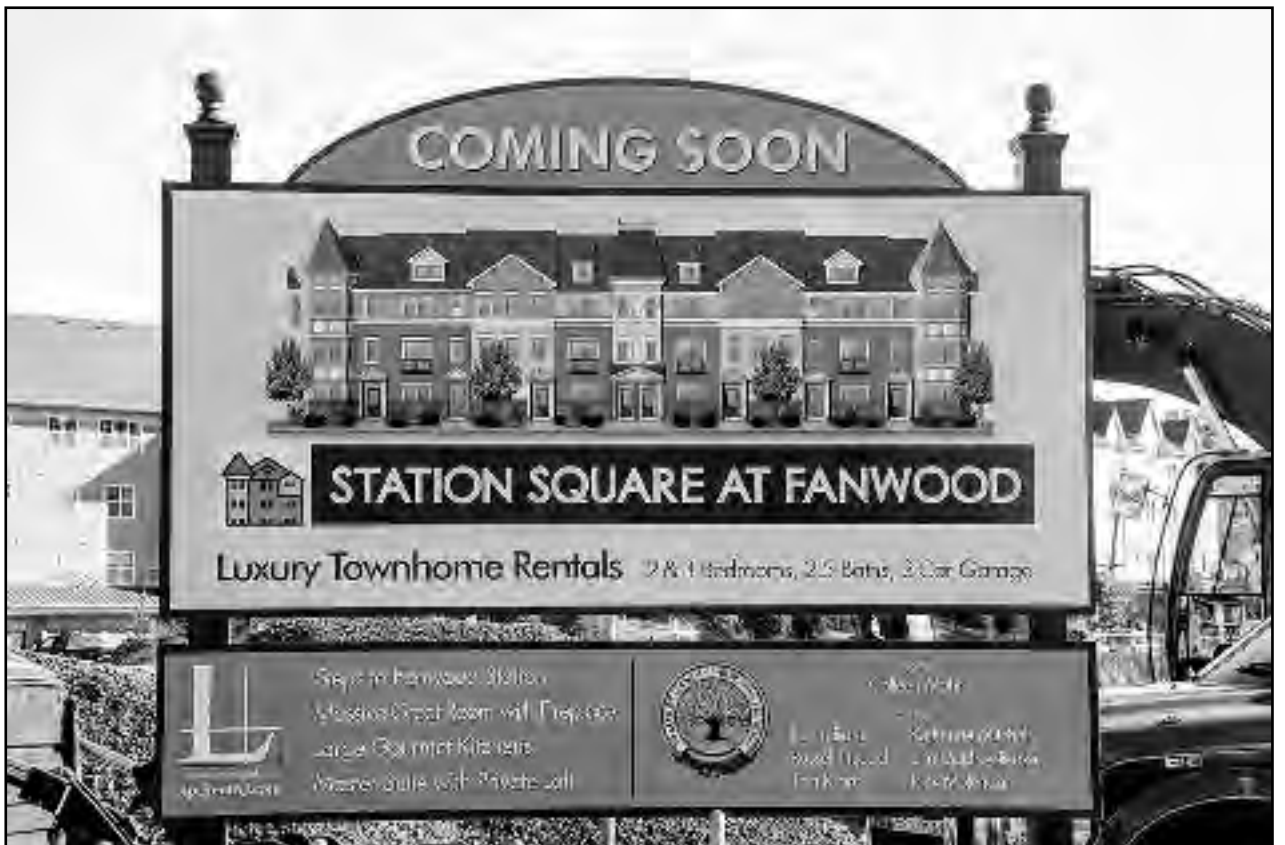
Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr, members of the Borough Council and Planning Board, and developer Landmark Companies broke ground June 22nd, 2017, on a project more than a decade in the making, the redevelopment of the parcel of land at 2nd Street and LaGrande Avenue known as the Dean Oil site.

Station Square at Fanwood, a 35-unit townhome style rental project, is the final piece of the Borough's award winning Downtown Redevelopment Plan. Although the planning for this project began at the same time as the surrounding development parcels, environmental issues followed by market and other conditions delayed the construction.

The site underwent a million dollar, multi-year clean-up under the direction of NJDEP and thereafter a full redesign based upon changing market demand. Now, at long last, the development site is ready and the funding in

place. Landmark will be investing more than \$10 million to construct the 35 one, two and three bedroom apartments, 7 of which will be affordable to low and moderate income households in furtherance of the Borough's court approved, Affordable Housing Plan. With features such as spacious great rooms, car ports, garages, and balconies, the units are sure to have terrific market appeal.

"We have transformed the face of Fanwood for decades to come," said Mayor Mahr at the groundbreaking ceremony. "This project represents yet another major investment in our community. I am especially proud that along with the 28 market units, we will have 7 affordable housing units built on the site. The affordable housing is a really important piece for us because we believe that whoever would love to live here in Fanwood, should be able to afford to be here in Fanwood."



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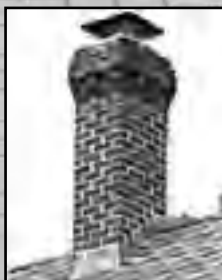
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For over 65 years, the GWACC has been connecting commerce and community, and today continues to promote the economic prosperity of businesses primarily in Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Westfield. The largest association of businesses and nonprofits in our area, GWACC members include professionals, managers, and business owners

and operators. Membership cultivates the opportunity to build relationships, make partners, collect referrals, increase business, attend lunch-and-learns, and support the community.

The GWACC hosts three street fairs each year – two in Downtown Westfield and one in the center of Garwood – and a Food Truck Music FanJam in Fanwood. The chamber also operates the Westfield Farmers Market and runs the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) program. The GWACC monthly networking events, one in the early morning and one directly after work, serve as an opportunity for current members to network with each other regularly and for prospective members to come see what GWACC is all about. In addition, the Professional Women's Committee organizes networking events specifically tailored to women business owners, professionals, and entrepreneurs.

For more information about the GWACC, visit www.gwaccnj.com. You can also call the office at 908-233-3021 Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM. Our office is located on the 3rd floor of the Bank of America building at 173 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ 07090.

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This house is home for four members, three of whom are fairly new to CAU. The members are either coming from their parents' homes or relocating through the Emergency Capacity System (ECS). The ECS program provides emergency housing to individuals who are in need.

One member, Kevin Collazo, will soon enroll

at Rutgers to earn his master's degree – he already has a bachelor's degree in accounting – and another member, Aiden Bolan, has found a job at the Home Goods in nearby Clark.

"They love it here," said Aisha Arroyo, Assistant Executive Director. "Fanwood is a really nice area. There are summer festivals and they're really looking forward to that." The members are joined by eight staff members in this lovely, completely refurbished home.

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This year's Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Installation Dinner was held at the Shackamaxon County Club in Scotch Plains on June 21, 2017.

The evening started with President Carmela Resnick highlighting the many accomplishments achieved this year: Fundraising for the Frazee House, the annual Robert Kraus Golf Outing, Casino Night, support for Operation Chillout, participation in monthly service projects for Mobile Meals of Westfield and El Centro, the launch of the Dare to be Great program at School One- and third and fourth graders held a Read a Thon that raised \$4,000 to feed children in a third-world country. Additionally, the club distributed \$37,000 in scholarship funds to students in the local community.

The club met its annual goal to increase membership and 13 new members were inducted! The club now has 65 members, making it the largest in the district. This was truly an achievement, as Rotary clubs in the United States have been dealing with a steady decline in membership.

Past-President Resnick went on to recognize and give awards to the following members for their service: Fundraising- Doug Lynch, Jim Checchio, Wayne Zuhl; Weekly Program management-Julie Murphy; Publicity management and getting the word out about our Rotary club: Maria LaMorte-Wright; Participation of newer members: John Marsh for his dedication to the ideals of Rotary and the club's Rising Star Deanna Dell Bene, one of the

club's younger members. President Steve Goldberg was also recognized for all his support throughout the year. The night was topped off with Paul Harris Awards going to Bill Graham, Patty Laguna, Brooks Smith and Sam Lamparello for their dedication to Rotary.

President Steve Goldberg and the Board of Directors were sworn in for the 2017-2018 year. Steve began his speech by thanking Carmela Resnick for an outstanding year. He went on to talk about his goals including: continuing to grow the club, educating and encouraging existing members to do more, and working with the younger members of the club to help introduce a

new generation to Rotary. Steve noted "It is not enough to belong to the club but to grow into a true believer of the club's goals - a true Rotarian!"

The gavel has been passed and under the leadership of President Steve Goldberg it will be a wonderful and exciting year for the Fanwood Scotch Plains Rotary Club!

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Rotary Club meets on Wednesdays at 12:15pm at the Stage House Restaurant. Guests are invited to attend and learn about the good that Rotary is doing worldwide. For further information go to fsprotary.org or follow them on Facebook.



(above, front, l-r) Steve Goldberg (President), Kim Decker (President-Elect), Wayne Zuhl (Secretary), Don Rosenberg (Treasurer), Donna D'Annunzion (Fundraising), Patty Laguna (Youth), Mel Kevoe (Past District Governor-District 7510), Carmela Resnick (Past President), Maria LaMorte-Wright (Publicity, Marketing, Social Media), (back row) Brooks Smith (International Projects), Andy Calamaras (Foundation and Frazee House Restoration), Julie Murphy (Program).

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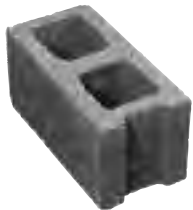
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"I am thrilled that Fanwood has been recognized for the efforts that we have put forth to expand our community in a way that will both

help enhance our residents' quality of life and ensure that we utilize and develop the many transit options in our area," stated Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr.

This grant will help fund stamped concrete sidewalks on South Avenue beginning at Terrill Road, replace current light fixtures with decorative lighting and help create multiple bus stop shelters and benches on both sides of South Avenue. The proposed streetscape will culminate at Fanwood Station. In addition, secured bike racks will be installed to assure any commuter, visitor, and residents' ability to safely leave their bike while enjoying Fanwood's Downtown

and/or connecting to public transportation.

The NJTPA Board voted to accept the proposal for the enhanced streetscaping along the South Avenue corridor and awarded the grants to over 25 other municipalities accordingly at a meeting on Tuesday, July 11.

The grant is administered by the New Jersey Department of Transportation in partnership with the NJTPA and other Metropolitan planning organizations and is funded by the Federal Highway Administration.

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PATRIOTS PEN ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

Isaac Tu, a seventh grade student at Terrill Middle School, was honored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education for winning first place in the 2016-2017 Patriot's Pen Essay Writing Contest, Post 10122 Scotch Plains/Fanwood. Isaac's essay then went on to win third place at the District 5 Union County level.

Isaac read his essay that was entitled "The America I Believe In". Dr. Kevin Holloway, Terrill Middle School Principal added "Terrill Middle School is very proud of Isaac, it is the first time Terrill Middle School had a win at the County level." Isaac's social studies teacher, Mrs. Judy Lasher was also present at the Board meeting and added her congratulations to Isaac.



(above) Issac Tu

BILL LEE NAMED VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

At the regular Fanwood Borough Council meeting held on (June 19, 2017, the Council named Bill Lee the Volunteer of the Month. Mr. Lee has been a member of the Fanwood Planning Board for the past 12 years. The Planning Board, like all our boards and commissions, is made up

of volunteers. Mr. Lee remarked he wanted to join the Planning Board to get insight into how towns like Fanwood make day to day decisions and he urged other members of the community to do the same. Mr. Lee is also one of our town's most prolific driving instructors.



(above) Mr. Lee receives the framed print of Fanwood's historic train station, the traditional gift for Volunteers of the Month.

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COLLEGE CLUB ANNOUNCES 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Since its inception in 1933, the College Club of Fanwood –Scotch Plains objectives have been to increase the interest of local young women in going to college, and to provide “material aid” by way of scholarships. To date the College Club has awarded approximately \$630,000 in scholarships.

This past May, the College Club awarded a total of \$29,500.00 in scholarships to 11 students, 6 of who are high school seniors who graduated this past June and 5 of whom are currently attending college.

Among the 2017 high school recipients for the academic year 2017-2018 are Fizzah Ehsan, daughter of Raffat Ayub and Saeed Alam who received \$2,000 and will be attending The College of New Jersey; Claudia Gentile, daughter of Kevin and Lisa Gentile who received \$3,500 and will be attending Villanova University, Julia Guarneri, daughter of William and Anne Guarneri who received \$3,500 and will be attending the University of Virginia, Hayley Howell, daughter of Philip and Holly Howell who received \$3,000 and will be attending the Rochester Institute of Technology; and Alexis Marta, daughter of Joseph and Melissa Stryker

and who received \$3,000 and will be attending The College of New Jersey.

Caroline (Carlie) McNichol, daughter of James and Judy McNichol, the highest ranking female of the class of 2017 at SPFHS received an award of \$1,000 in recognition of her academic excellence. Carlie will be attending Georgetown University.

Among the 2017 college recipients for academic year 2017-2018 are Nada Amer, daughter of Mohamed Hammad and Sahar Alezabi who received \$2,000 and will be a senior at Kean University; Elizabeth Gelling, daughter of Christopher and Linda Gelling who received \$3,250 and will be a senior at the Fashion Institute of Technology; Elisa Staniec, daughter of George and Lorraine Staniec who received \$3,500 and will be a junior at The Pennsylvania State University; Gabriela MacPherson, daughter of Gordon and Martha MacPherson who received \$3,500 and will be a sophomore at The College of William and Mary; and Rachel Lambert, daughter of James and Janet Lambert, who received \$1,250 as the recipient of the Elaine Carman Special Scholarship donated by her

family in honor of her milestone birthday and will be a sophomore at Susquehanna University.

This is the 81st year that female students, seeking financial assistance to pursue a four-year college degree, have been helped by the club’s fundraising efforts. Two of the club’s largest efforts are the annual spring luncheon and the sale of the community calendar.

A special dinner reception was held for the recipients and their families in May. Club President, Dorothy Lusk, and Scholarship Committee Co- Chairs, Tish Isack and Marie Walford made the scholarship presentations at the dinner. Dorothy Lusk and Tish Isack presented the awards at the SPFHS annual awards assembly.

The College Club hosts monthly informative programs presented by guest speakers on the third Monday of every month September-May which are free and open to the public at the Fanwood Presbyterian church. Anyone interested in more information or would like to become a member please contact the membership committee at 908-889-9194 or visit the club’s website at www.collegeclubfsp-



(above) College Club of Fanwood –Scotch Plains 2017-2018 scholarship recipients.

AIMEE NUZZO NAMED CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Aimee Nuzzo was named the Citizen of the Month at the July Council meeting. Aimee, who represents Fanwood on the Board of the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, was the driving force behind the recent Fan Jam concert event in Fanwood, which drew thousands of visitors for a day of live rock music, food trucks and classic cars. Her hard work and dedication made the event such a success that a return next year is a foregone conclusion. Congratulations, Aimee!

(right, r-l) Mayor Colleen Mahr and the Fanwood Borough Council named Aimee Nuzzo the Citizen of the Month at the July Council meeting.



FANWOOD FAN JAM



Thousands of people from across the region came to Fanwood’s LaGrande Park on Sunday, July 9, for the first annual Fan Jam music festival in Fanwood. There were five live bands and a classic car show. More than a dozen food trucks, local and regional vendors, and exhibitors celebrated summer on a perfect day in the park. Staged by the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, the daylong festival promises to be a yearly tradition, judging by the turnout and the good times had by all. Thanks to the many sponsors, including Sheelen's Crossing which provided a beer garden, Fanwood Animal Hospital, Lightbridge Academy, Goddard School, Two River Community Bank, Family Investors, Fanwood Pharmacy, Fanwood Back Relief and others. Thanks also to the Fanwood Police Department for keeping an eye on everyone and the Fanwood Rescue Squad for being on hand for safety and ambulance tours.



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